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LIGHTWAVE CIRCUIT DEVICE
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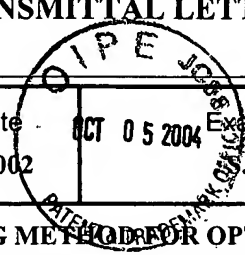

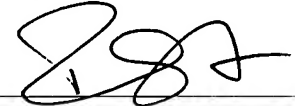
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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TOTAL CLAIMS	44 -	44 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: right;"> <p>Dated: September 29, 2004</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  _____ <i>Signature</i> Thomas C. Basso Reg. No. 46,541 BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLC P.O. Box 1135 Chicago, IL 60690-1135 Phone: 312-807-4310 </div> <div style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 09-29-2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  _____ <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i> Renee Street _____ <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i> </div> </div> </div> </div>					
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